[*Transalation*]

Telephone System In Jaunpur, U.P.

2882. SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether telephone system in district Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh is functioning properly;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and the extent to which the working capacity of telephone exchange is being utilised;

(c) the number of complaints received regarding working of telephone system during the last two years; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the functioning of the telephone system there?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise. The utilisation of exchange capacity is 91%.

(c) Written complaints regarding working of the telephone system for 1989 and 1990 were 5 and 7 respectively.

(d) It has been planned to replace the existing Electro Mechanical Exchange by an Electronic Exchange (C-DOT type) during 1992-93.

[*English*]

Theft of Electricity

2883. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons/factories floor mills/ chakkis in Delhi booked for theft of electricity and drawing more power than sanctioned during the last 12 months;

(b) if so, the action taken against them; and

(c) the steps taken to check such malpractices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). DESU has booked 917 cases of theft of electricity, besides detection of 150 cases of drawing more power than sanctioned by different categories of consumers, during the period December, 1990 to November, 1991. In all cases of theft of electricity, FIRs have been lodged with the Police under the provisions of Indian Electricity Act, 1910. Bills have also been raised against such consumers for recovery of charges. Surcharge/higher tariff is levied as per prescribed tariff schedule in the case of excess load violations by the industrial consumers. DESU has intensified its drive against theft-misuse of power including load violations by the consumers.

Gas-Based Power Project In Madhya Pradesh

2884. SHRI SHRVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Gas-based power project proposed to be fed from HBJ pipeline passing through Madhya Pradesh has since been cleared by the Union Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-